Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It has not been possible to collect the information in the time available.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Has anything been done to collect the information ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Orders have been issued and they are collecting the information.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that many of the reservoirs assessed as nilams or parambas as the case may be, have been converted into nilams and cultivated ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Plenty of them have been converted into nilams.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are the Government aware that such conversions of reservoirs into nilams have increased the pressure on our irrigation systems ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. Government are aware.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Why is it that the Government have not collected the information till now. Why should Government wait for the question to be put ?

Mr. President: Government are taking action to reply this question. The general question of giving assistance to these cultivators, to encourage them either to construct new private eries or re-constructing the old ones, and takiyg action to prevent further conversion of eries into cultivated land is under active consideration.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* My point is that Government will do well to insist upon parties to keep these reservoirs as reservoirs and to penalise them if the reservoirs are converted into nilams.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* How is the irrigation system affected by filling up the low-lying eries ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The question was not with reference to eries which are at a lower level. But it is that in cases in which it is not possible to store water, it means a pressure on the irrigation scheme.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Low-lying reservoirs may be allowed to be converted into nilams. But when reservoirs assessed as parambas are converted into nilams by people taking undue advantage of the irrigation facilities given by Government, they should certainly be penalised. That is my point. Anyhow, Government will do well to take a list of such conversions.

STANDARD PARA—TAMPERING OF

110. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the contents in ounzes of our standard para ;

(*b*) whether the standard para used for measuring paddy purchased by Government in Chittur, was tampered with and enlarged by the Chittur Tahsildar ;

(*c*) if so, why ;

(*d*) by how many ounzes was the para enlarged ;

(*e*) were there complaints from producers when the para was enlarged ;

(*f*) was the enlarged para again corrected and if so, when ;

(*g*) how many paras of paddy were purchased by Government with the para so enlarged ;

(*h*) are not the parties who were compelled to measure out paddy with this enlarged para entitled to the value of paddy taken in excess from them ;

(*i*) are Government in receipt of petitions claiming the value of paddy taken in excess from parties ;

(*j*) have Government prepared a list of persons victimised and the number of paras taken in excess from each ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) 440 ounzes of water.

(*b*) No. The para used for measuring paddy was tested and standardised so as to hold 440 ounzes of water as the one used then was thought to be not correct.

(*c*) On testing the paras with the ounze glass in the Taluk Office it was found that they can hold only 412½ ounzes of water.

(*d*) 27½ ounzes.

(*e*) Yes.

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(*f*) Yes. On 8th Meenam 1118 because the ounze glass used for testing the measures in the Chittur Taluk Office was found defective.

(*g*) Not known. Statistics are being collected.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) Yes. A few petitions have been received.

(*j*) The list is under preparation.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* In reference to answer to sub-division (j) that the list is under preparation, may I know when the list will be ready?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I cannot definitely answer. But every effort is being made to complete the list as early as possible.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that the Government are going to compensate these people from whom excess has been taken?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is it necessary that people who have been affected by this should apply for the refund?

Mr. A. Madhava Prahbu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Instructions are issued that they should take the list themselves. These people need not apply.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: നാന്നൂറി പന്ത്രണ്ടര ഔൺസാണ് ഒരു പറയെന്ന കാണുന്നു, അത് ശരിക്കു വീതിച്ചാൽ പത്തിടങ്ഴി വരുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: ൪൪൦ ഔൺസാണ് ഒരു പറ.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: അപ്പോൾ ഒരു ഇടങ്ഴി ൪൪ ഔൺസാണ് അല്ലേ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prahbu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഇടങ്ഴി വടിച്ചാണോ അളക്കാറ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: വടിച്ചളക്കുന്നതാണ് ൪൪ ഔൺസ്.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* How is it that such an incorrect ounce glass happened to be there in the Taluk Office?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not possible for me to say how exactly it came to be there. It was there for years together.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: കൂടുതൽകുറവു കാണുമല്ലോ നെല്ലളന്നാൽ; ആ കൂടുതൽ നെല്ലിനു കണക്കു വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* This mistake took place on a particular date. After that date, that particular para was used. Before that, that was not the para that was used. It was 440 ounces para. Between that date and the date on which it was corrected, there is an interval.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the paras in all the Taluks in the State are of equal measure now?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The order is that, and it is presumed to be so.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* You had promised the other day that you will rectify if there is any mistake. I want you to see that it is rectified.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I issued instructions to all Tahsildars as questions arose in this House, to see that they are rectified.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How much paddy has been measured by this para?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The list is under preparation. We have not completed the preparation of the list as to how much has been measured by this wrong para.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: സർക്കാരിലേക്കു നെല്ലു വാങ്ങുവാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള പറകൾ ൪൪൦ ഔൺസ് കൊള്ളുന്ന പറകൾ തന്നെയാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവ മരംകൊണ്ടുള്ളതോ ഇരുമ്പുകൊണ്ടുള്ളതോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു: പഴയതൊക്കെ മരമാണ്, പുതുതായി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു് ഇരുമ്പുകൊണ്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതെല്ലാം മരംകൊണ്ടുള്ളതാണോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു : ഇതിനുകൊണ്ടുള്ളതാണു്. That is what I think.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഇപ്പോൾ നെല്ല വാങ്ങുന്നതിനു മരംകൊണ്ടുള്ള പറ എവിടെയെങ്കിലും കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I want notice to answer that.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ : ൪൪൦ ഔൺസിൽ കൂടുതലുള്ള പറയാണെങ്കിൽ അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസം വരാത്തവിധം ശരിയായ പറ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്രഭു : അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസമൊന്നും വന്നിട്ടില്ല. ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽമാത്രം ഉണ്ടായി. അതു് ശരിയാക്കീട്ടുമുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പറയെസംബന്ധിച്ചു തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഔരകം ഫർക്കയിൽനിന്നു വല്ല കംപ്ലെയ്ൻറും വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have no information. In fact, the para that is kept in the Trichur Taluk for standardisation was actually measured and found to be correct.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ : ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനെപറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയും ഇപ്പോൾ നെല്ലുവാങ്ങിയ മരപ്പറയും ൪൪൦ ഔൺസ് അളവുള്ള ഇരുമ്പ് പറയും തമ്മിൽ ഒത്തുനോക്കി കൂടുതൽ കാണുന്ന നെല്ലിനുള്ള വിലകൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാൻ ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Absolutely no objection.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the length of the period during which this pare was used ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: About a month. As soon as a wrong para was used, very respectable persons came to me and complained. I took the matter into my own hands and then rectified it.

TENANCY QUESTIONS—SETTLEMENT OF

111. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that a Jenmi-karam settlement has been effected in Travancore ;

(*b*) whether, in view of the fact that Travancore is a close neighbour of Cochin and that it cuts into Cochin territory and vice versa in many places and that the history of land tenures is almost the same in both States, Government will be pleased to introduce that settlement in this State also ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A committee has been appointed by Government with points of reference wide enough to cover the question and in the questionnaire approved and published by the committee this point is one seen to be taken up by them for consideration. The decision of the Government will be taken after receipt of the committee's report.

PAYMENT OF DUES OF THE VERUMPATTAMDARS—FAILURE OF—CAUSE FOR

112. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Whether the difficulty in diffusing knowledge of the implications of the Verumpattamdars Act has been a cause of the tenants not paying up jenmis dues in time ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Government have no information.

113. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether Government have noted that a vast majority of the Verumpattamdars of the State have lost their right of permanency of tenure by not paying landlords' dues in time; if so, what action do the Government proposed in the matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The Government have no information that a vast majority of the Verumpattamdars have lost their right of permanency. The latter part of the question does not therefore arise.

BEGGARS AND RATIONING SYSTEM

114. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether in rationing food stuffs for the public has any consideration been shown to beggars to enable them to purchase rice for cash;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that the beggar population in the Municipal areas of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri is considerably high?

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